

REMARKS

State of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 5-6 and 17-20 are pending. Claim 6 has been amended to correct its improper dependency to a canceled claim. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that Claim 6 is improperly depended upon a now-canceled claim; i.e., Claim 4.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct its dependency. It is now dependent upon Claim 1. Applicants point out that such correction does not raise any new issues of patentability because Claim 6 was previously depended upon Claim 1 by way of its former dependency to now-canceled Claim 4. No new matter has been added.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claim 6 over the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection.

SUMMARY

The rejection in the Office Action has been discussed and, Applicants believe, the proper amendments have been set forth to address the rejection.

In light of both the amendments and the discussions contained herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and its withdrawal.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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